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WESTMINSTER CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS

The Westminster Cultural Council seeks funding proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs. Funds can be used for a variety of projects and activities in Westminster -- including exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies, workshops, lectures or performances.

This year the Council will distribute approximately \$10,000 in grants. Previously funded projects include music events at the Community Senior Center; cultural programs in town schools and through the Parks and Recreation Program; entertainment at the Farmers' Market; and the Great Decisions Seminars at Forbush Memorial Library.

The Westminster Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving Massachusetts. The WCC is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council as well as an allocation from the town.

Westminster Cultural Council Guidelines

1. The applicant's program must benefit the citizens of Westminster.
2. The grant applicant must have a Westminster sponsor (individual or organization) with a letter from that sponsor attached to the application.
3. If the grant application is for an event that services people from Westminster and other communities, those other communities' Cultural Councils should also be solicited for funds.
4. Programs at the middle school and high school should be funded by both towns' cultural councils.
5. **The goal of the Westminster Cultural Council is to fund diverse programs for a variety of audiences/participants.**
6. We encourage the applicant to seek and include on the application matching funds.
7. We will accept applications for cultural field trips for children pre-K through 12th grade by subsidizing the cost of ticket price and/or transportation.
8. Applicants complete their applications online and submit them directly to the Westminster Cultural Council through the online system at <http://mcc.smartsimple.com> by Friday, October 15, 2021.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council website at <https://mcc.smartsimple.com> has grant application forms available on September 1, 2021 as well as information about local council grants. The forms are not difficult to complete. Applicants are welcome to speak with your local contact for help with the application process:

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